

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Winn, et al.  
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METHODS OF THEIR  
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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2008, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this document.